



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

FITZPATRICK CELLA HARPER & SCINTO
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK NY 10112

COPY MAILED

JUL 27 2006

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of	:
Sakaguchi et al.	:
Application No. 09/161,774	: Decision on Petition for
Filing Date: September 29, 1998	: Patent Term Extension
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF	:
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE	:

The above-identified application has been forwarded to the undersigned for consideration on the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 and MPEP 2720 For Reconsideration of Patent Term Extension," which was received on June 30, 2006 requesting a patent term extension of 372-days. See 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)¹ and 37 C.F.R. § 1.701.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner notes that the Notice of Allowance dated June 3, 2006, in the above-identified application incorrectly stated that the patent term extension was 0-days. Petitioner contends that an interference was declared on October 21, 2004, and the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) terminated the interference on October 27, 2005.

After mailing of this decision, the above-identified application will be forwarded to Office of Publications for further processing. The patent, if issued, will include an indication that the patent term is extended by **372 days**.

Petitioner's deposit account has not been charged a petition fee.

Inquiries with regard to this communication should be directed to Mark O. Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

Mark O. Polutta
Senior Legal Advisor
Office of Patent Legal Administration
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy

¹ 35 U.S.C. § 154 was amended by the "American Inventors Protection Act of 1999," which was enacted on November 29, 1999 as part of Public Law 106-113 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000). Since this amendment is effective May 29, 2000 and applies to applications filed on or after that date, the prior patent term adjustment provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154 continue to apply to the above-identified application.